



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mathur *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/707,121

Examiner: Y. D. Pak

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Title: Novel Human Kinase Protein and
Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

Atty. Docket No. LEX-0083-USA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED MARCH 7, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Final Office Action ("the Action") mailed on March 7, 2003 (Paper No. 20), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 20 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of three months to and including September 7, 2003, which falls on a Sunday. The period for response is therefore extended until Monday September 8, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account is included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.